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TOMORROW EVENING MOVING PICTURES

at the Town Hall, Newtown. Featuring THE STAIN

By the Pathé Film Co., in Five Parts THE PIROTYPE

The first really practical typewriter was inspired, although not invented, by John Pratt, an Alabama journalist, who was born eighty-four years ago today, April 14, 1831. Pratt invented a crude writing machine, which he called the "Pirotype," which was patented in the United States and Great Britain and attracted much favorable comment when exhibited at the Royal Society in London. An account of this machine written by A. Ely Beach, was published in the Scientific American, and attracted the attention of G. L. Sholes, a Milwaukee inventor. Sholes was fired with the ambition to perfect a really practical writing machine, and, with two other Milwaukee men, S. W. Soule and Carlos Glidden, they set to work on the task. They knew nothing of what had been attempted in that line, except the description of Pratt's imperfect machine. In 1867 they completed a machine which wrote fairly well, but yet was not good enough to place on the market. Soule and Glidden dropped out and Sholes formed a partnership with James Densmore, a printer of Meadville, Pa. Within a few years they had produced a marketable machine.

U. S. B. A. TO HALF STAFF FLAGS FOR ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF LINCOLN

Major General William Bernhard, of the division of Connecticut, United Boys Brigade of America, has issued an order urging all members to place the flag at half mast tomorrow, the 50th anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln.

BRIDGEPORT WILL BE ESSEN OF AMERICA, SAYS VETERAN GUN RUNNER, CAPT. BANNERMAN

Soldier of Fortune Here Seeking Sites for Factories to Make Cannon and Ammunition—Predicts Bridgeport Soon Will Be City of Half Million Population.

That Bridgeport is soon to be the Essen of America and that the Krupp and Morgan interests are to establish a big cannon factory here is what Capt. C. W. Bannerman, soldier of fortune and gun runner intimated to Capt. Bannerman who is in this city looking over prospective sites for a cannon factory said that within a short time there would be several other big plants in this city other than the Remond M. C. Co. of the Bridgeport Arms works. Capt. Bannerman said that within five years the population of Bridgeport would be increased to at least 500,000. The cannon factories may be located in the West End on the lowlands west of Gilman street including what is now the Courtland club. Former Sheriff John Clarkson owns this property and the Bridgeport Projectile Co. nor would he say whom he represented. But he drove in an automobile to look over this property and he also looked over the stretch west of the new Pearsall house on Gover's hill and extending to St. Mary's-by-the-Sea. This property, part of the Thomas W. Pearsall estate, is now held by Spafford Pearsall. Capt. Bannerman also drove to the Rock park and inspected that location.

"The manufacture of munitions of war here will make Bridgeport grow faster than any city in the world's history," said the captain. "Not even the growth of Detroit by the automobile industry will compare with it. Before the snow flies you will find established in this city not one but two plants whose sole business will be to manufacture cannon and big guns. There are no guns in this country like the type of siege cannon that are now being used in the war in Europe.

"Here is the situation. The directors of the Krupp interests in Germany and the Morgan interests in this country have decided that no matter which way this war ends the field for the Krupp business in Europe is practically gone. With the people who are running the Krupp factory making cannon is a business just like everything else. These financiers think that after the war in Europe ends, the nations now engaged in it will be so busy trying to repair things that have been destroyed that there will be no time for buying cannon for many years to come.

"No business, not even the manufacture of cannon, can stand still. The moment it does, decay sets in and it dies of dry rot. These men think that the United States will be their next best field and that in a few years another great war will come, that of the United States of America against Japan and China.

"The Japanese are now trying to put backbones into the Chinese. They are making demands for Japanese protectorate in China for the introduction of military and political instructors there and for a policy fitted entirely to aid the yellow race in exclusion to all others which is making even Great Britain, Japan's ally, protest.

After a good many years the Japanese have had their eyes on Mexico. When the American Commodore Perry bombarded the Japanese coast in 1854 and made the Japs open their country to the other countries of the world he opened a contest that soon is to come to an issue for supremacy between the white and the yellow races. The development of the Japanese from a race of barbarians to the height of advancement in arts, sciences and manufactures is unparalleled in the history of the world. There is not room in the Japanese kingdom for all its people. There are thousands of Japanese in the Philippines. There are Japanese settlements in Mexico and lower California and everyone in America is familiar with the action of the people of California had to take to keep the Japanese out of that state.

"The Japanese resent the action of this country in their exclusion from California and they have never forgiven it. When drilled and equipped the Chinese make mighty good soldiers and if the Japanese can push their aggressiveness into the Chinese the yellow people can whip the world. You know they will. The Japanese the aggressor of the east. I did not get an alarmist or a jingo but I think that this country is awakening to the fact that we are poorly equipped to meet a third race power and it is time that something was done for the national defense. This is why America is a fine field for new cannon factories.

"At present practically all the arms and munitions of war that are made in the United States are manufactured within a radius of about 100 miles from New York city. The defenses of the approaches to New York city and the area of which I speak ought to be materially strengthened.

"That is why we need more cannon and of course to have more cannon we have to have cannon factories. I predict that within two years you will see in Bridgeport cannon factories which will give employment to more than 20,000 persons, you will see better coast defenses built, more cannon installed and a great increase in the standing army and the militia."

Capt. Bannerman is a relative of Francis Bannerman of New York who buys and sells all sorts of arms and ammunition and is reputed to have fitted out a great majority of the South American revolutions as well as military expeditions in all parts of the world. Iona Island in the Caribbean sea is famous as a storehouse for munitions of war and is guarded by a private army which the owners of the munitions maintain there.

In 1891 Capt. Bannerman came to Bridgeport and lived for a time at the L. E. Vail Homestead in Seaview avenue. The Remondton Arms-U. M. C. Co. now own this property, the house has been moved and there is a factory on the site. Capt. Bannerman was then an expert rifle shot and he was the first appearing on the variety stage. He was the first to obtain free

ammunition from the U. M. C. Co., by advertising the brand of ammunition he shot.

In 1897 with General Funston he took part in the Cuban revolt against Spain. Landing a battery of Gatling guns, 1,000 rifles and other ammunition from the steamer "Three Friends" on the south coast of Cuba, a Spanish gunboat hove in sight while Bannerman was ashore. The "Three Friends" put to sea and in a struggle that arose escaped the gunboat. Bannerman left behind made the best of his bad bargain and joined the Cuban army. Because of his knowledge of the mechanism of the guns he had landed he was made captain of the battery. He served for six months with Maceo and other Cuban commanders. He was wounded twice and at last harassed by Spanish cavalry and having lost all but one gun he rode one day to the trocha and surrendered to the Spanish. He was paroled on condition that he leave the country and not return.

The Bridgeport Projectile Co. was incorporated by Attorney Carl Foster, E. J. Naylor and Attorney Fred E. Morgan. None of the incorporators will tell who is the proposed president. Attorney Foster and his colleagues went to New York where plans for the incorporation were completed. E. J. Naylor is the former manager of the Woolworth store here and is now president of the Bridgeport Neckwear Co. in Elm street. He admits that he is not going to the business of making munitions of war but says he is sworn to secrecy as to the names of his associates in the concern other than the two lawyers named above. Attorney Foster has the option on the Clarkson property but what the concern will be or when it will commence work he considers is now none of the public's business.

Capt. Bannerman expects to return to Bridgeport on Friday. He has had the courtesy of the Algonquin club extended to him by one of the members.

FAIRFIELD INDIANS WILL PARADE WHEN TRADE POST OPENS

Mrs. Killian's Automobile Tears Through Fence—She Escapes Injury.

(Special to The Farmer.) Fairfield, April 14.—One of the largest demonstrations planned in town for years is that to precede the formal opening to-morrow night of the trading post of Unquowa tribe, U. M. C. A. parade headed by Okenuck tribe band, of Stratford, and including delegations from Stratford, Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk and other cities, also representations of the Fire Department and the Boy Scouts will take form in front of the Sherman school, and will march through Spring street to Pine Creek road, then counter-march to Broad street, to Main street, then counter-marching to Sherman hall where the festivities will begin.

Losing control of her Reo automobile yesterday afternoon Mrs. Jacol Killian crashed through 15 feet of fence in front of the home of Henry Rowland, Spring street, yesterday. The car was considerably damaged. Headlights were smashed and the mudguards crumpled. Mrs. Killian kept her seat and was unhurt.

John E. Boyls has presented a new siren to Fairfield Chemical Co., No. 1. The Holy Name society of St. Thomas parish has organized a baseball team and elected John C. Lynch captain.

SONS OF VETERANS HOLD CONVENTION

New Britain, April 14.—The Connecticut division, Sons of Veterans, opened its 31st annual convention here today. Division Commander Allen T. Pratt, of Hartford, presided. The business which was preliminary in its nature, included appointment of standing committees, presentation of reports of officers. This evening there will be a banquet at which Commander-in-Chief Charles F. Sherman will be guest of honor. The speakers will include Lieut.-Gov. Clifford B. Wilson, of Bridgeport and State Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn of Hartford.

Commander Pratt reported that three new camps had been instituted during the year at Thompsonville, Greenwich and Bristol, making a present total of 39 camps in the state. The present membership is 2,086. The net gain in membership for the year was 157. The camp in Bristol has a charter membership of 69. Reports were also made by Vice-Commander J. G. Henderson, of New Britain, and Abram E. Myers, of New Haven, and by Division Treasurer and Secretary Harry J. Parker, of Hartford. The Vice-Commander's report detailed their visits of inspection to the local camps.

WOOLWORTH COMPANY DECLARES A DIVIDEND.

New York, April 14.—Directors of the F. W. Woolworth Company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. on the common stock, an increase of 1/2 of one per cent. This places the stock on a seven per cent. basis.

E. A. Deeds, for 15 years vice-president and general manager of the National Cash Register Co. at Dayton, resigned.

About 300 men will get work by the reopening of the blast furnace of the Pennsylvania Iron & Coal Co., Canal Dover, Ohio, which will take place as soon as it can be placed in readiness.

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CITY ABATTOIR IS HEAP OF JUNK SAYS BOARD OF HEALTH

One Member Hopes Spark From Garbage Plant Will Remove Slaughterhouse.

Hope was expressed last evening at the meeting of the board of health that a spark from Charles C. Fischer's garbage plant will burn Bridgeport's slaughterhouse.

The board of health doesn't think much of the slaughterhouse. "Don't mention anything about that junk heap," declared one of the members when reference was made to the city abattoir. Nothing more was said.

Several hearings on sewer connections were heard at the meeting during the early hours of the session, as well as a long discussion over a new system of card-indexing which will not be installed until additional help may be procured in the department.

Arthur E. Kelsey of Wayne street appeared before the board in an effort to procure an injunction against the "Simpson" house on Wayne street, now vacated by order of the city prosecutor from again being occupied until the sewer connections are properly made. Though he argued heatedly that this injunction should be issued, and alleged that he had borne with the nuisance for seven months while the board and the city prosecutor had attempted to ascertain the ownership of the house, the board put the matter up directly to the city prosecutor on the ground that it had been in his hands, and that as long as the nuisance had been technically abated, they could not act until further nuisance had been created.

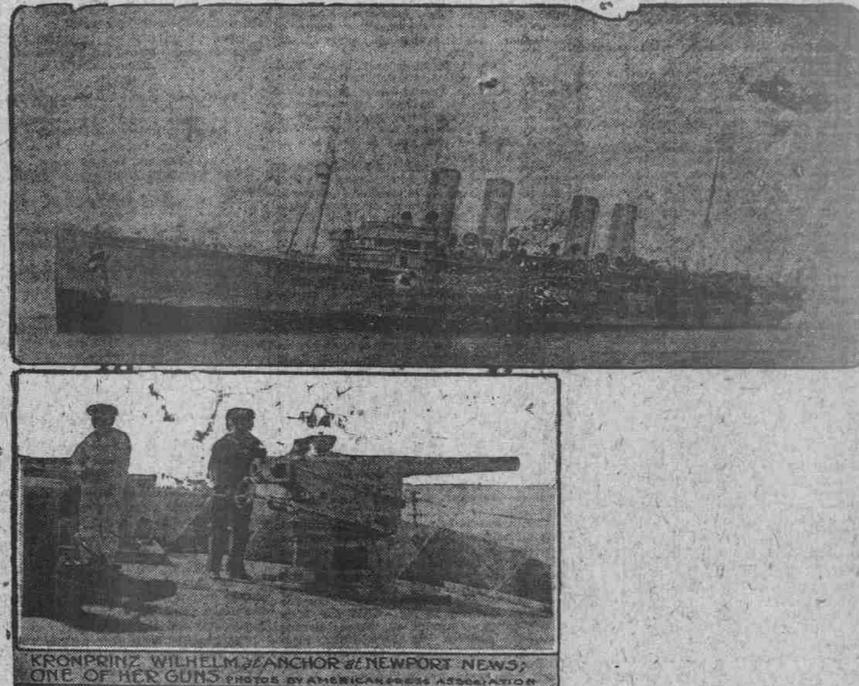
Y. M. C. A. BOYS WILL PUT ON TRAVESTY OF BIG FAIR

The boys of the Y. M. C. A. are rehearsing a travesty on the Panama Pacific Exposition entitled "1915". There will be musical numbers and little dancing sketches. Warner hall is the place on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 22nd and 23rd at 8.

FORMER TOWN TREASURER SOUGHT FOR SHORTAGE.

Milo, Me., April 14.—The discovery of an alleged shortage of \$4,500 in the town's accounts, has been followed by the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Leroy F. Shaw, former town treasurer, it was announced today. Shaw, who is 28 years of age, had served as treasurer for three years, disappeared soon after the election of Frank L. Doble, his successor, a month ago. His wife and child are here.

KRONPRINZ WILHELM, GERMAN RAIDER, SAID TO BE BADLY IN NEED OF REPAIRS



Newport News, April 14.—Experts who examined the German sea raider Kronprinz Wilhelm declared that they found the ship leaking and her boilers in bad condition. Unofficially it was learned that the ship would require extensive repairs. This was taken to indicate that she eventually would be forced to return. It was made plain that the merchant raider would not be permitted to go into the drydock at the shipyard here until Lieutenant Captain Thierfelder made formal request for time to complete such repairs as he deems necessary. In the accompanying illustration the ship is shown at anchor in Newport News harbor. There also is shown one of the guns aboard ship.

LADIES OF MACCABEES IN STATE CONVENTION.

Ansonia, April 14.—The Ladies of the Maccabees of Connecticut held their state convention here yesterday. Thirty-four of the thirty-eight hives of the state were represented. The presiding officer was Miss Clara W. Larkin of Ansonia, lady commander of the order for Connecticut. Mrs. Mabel T. Larue of Washington, D. C., supreme deputy commander, gave the principal address. The following

state officers were appointed by Miss Larkin, the state commander: Lieutenant Commander, Mrs. Pauline Lay, New Britain; record keeper, Mrs. Martha Downs, Stamford; finance auditor, Mrs. Jennie Tinkie, Waterbury; past commander, Mrs. Katherine Ringrose, New Britain; chaplain, Miss Lizzie Smith, Middletown; sergeant, Mrs. Cassie Robinson, Winsted; sentinel, Mrs. Katherine Mount, New Britain; picket, Mrs. Katherine Troy, Bridgeport; lady-at-arms, Mrs. Lucy Lynch, Willimantic. Commander

Larkin was named representative to the supreme hive. This evening there was an illustrated lecture on "protection."

An issue of \$75,000,000 six-months British Treasury bills was placed in London at an average of about 3 1/2 per cent.

Former Senator Burton of Ohio, left Lima, Peru, after several days there, to resume his tour of South America.

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